

Automobile Theft Authority

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	6.0	6.0	6.0
Personal Services	222,300	291,000	291,000
Employee Related Expenditures	90,100	128,800	128,800
Professional and Outside Services	25,200	20,500	20,500
Travel - In State	600	9,000	9,000
Travel - Out of State	3,400	12,000	12,000
Other Operating Expenditures	120,900	148,500	148,500
Equipment	18,700	30,000	30,000
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	481,200	639,800	639,800
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Automobile Theft Authority Grants	4,579,800	4,607,700	4,607,700
Reimbursable Programs	5,000	50,000	50,000
AGENCY TOTAL	5,066,000	5,297,500	5,297,500
FUND SOURCES			
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Automobile Theft Authority Fund	5,066,000	5,297,500	5,297,500
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	5,066,000	5,297,500	5,297,500
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	5,066,000	5,297,500	5,297,500
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	0	66,500	66,500
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	5,066,000	5,364,000	5,364,000

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Automobile Theft Authority (ATA) is responsible for analyzing the methods of combating the problem of vehicle theft and promoting successful methods of reducing the number of vehicle thefts in Arizona. The ATA is primarily funded from motor vehicle insurance premium fees.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$639,800 and 6 FTE Positions from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2016.

theft-related crimes. Remaining monies would be used for equipment and to provide training. *(Please see the Other Issues section for more information.)*

Automobile Theft Authority Grants

The Baseline includes \$4,607,700 from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for ATA Grants. This amount is unchanged from FY 2016.

Reimbursable Programs

The Baseline includes \$50,000 from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for Reimbursable Programs. This amount is unchanged from FY 2016.

This line item funds grants awarded to law enforcement agencies for an auto theft task force, attorneys dedicated to auto theft prosecution, and other law enforcement activities that reduce auto theft. In FY 2016, ATA expects to award approximately \$3,650,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, which helps to investigate and pursue automobile-related crimes. An additional \$831,700 is expected to be awarded to county attorneys to prosecute automobile

This line item funds programs such as training seminars, Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force expenses and “bait car” projects. This line item is funded from donations and grants from the private sector. Since the inception of this program, only \$25,000 for the reimbursement of salary and operational costs of the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force has been expended from this line item.

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FORMAT — Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency

FOOTNOTES

Standard Footnotes

The Automobile Theft Authority shall pay 75% of the Personal Services and Employee Related Expenses for city, town and county sworn officers who participate in the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force.

Automobile Theft Authority grants shall be awarded with consideration given to areas with greater automobile theft problems and shall be used to combat economic automobile theft operations.

The Automobile Theft Authority shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review before expending any monies for the Reimbursable Programs line item. The agency shall show sufficient monies collected to cover the expenses indicated in the report.

Other Issues

Automobile Theft Authority Grants

The ATA is appropriated \$4,607,700 from the ATA Fund annually for grants to state and local law enforcement entities. The largest annual recipient of ATA grant monies is the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, which is a multi-agency group overseen by DPS that works specifically on combating auto-theft related crimes. ATA also issues Vertical Prosecution Grants to county attorneys that are solely dedicated to auto-theft cases, Law Enforcement Grants to local law enforcement agencies for equipment and supplies, Professional Training Grants to pay travel and registration costs associated with going to conferences, and Public Awareness Grants for public education and vehicle identification number etching. *Table 1* displays the allocations of grants for FY 2015 and FY 2016 by recipient and category.

ATA Grant Recipients		
Recipient	FY 2015	FY 2016
Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (DPS)	\$ 3,943,000	\$ 3,650,000
Vertical Prosecution Grants		
Maricopa County Attorney	\$ 255,000	\$ 283,600
Pima County Attorney	83,000	108,100
Pinal County Attorney	152,500	201,600
La Paz County Attorney	0	119,800
Mohave County Attorney	0	90,700
Santa Cruz County Attorney	35,800	27,900
Subtotal	\$ 526,300	\$ 831,700
Law Enforcement Grants		
Casa Grande Police Department	\$ 23,700	\$ -
Florence Police Department	8,900	-
Gilbert Police Department	0	-
Maricopa County Sheriff	11,400	-
Maricopa Police Department	0	-
Phoenix Police Department	11,400	-
Quartzsite Police Department	23,200	-
Subtotal	\$ 78,600	\$ 103,600^{1/}
Professional Training Grants		
Arizona Department of Public Safety	\$ 2,400	\$ -
Arizona Department of Transportation	1,000	-
Chandler Police Department	600	-
Douglas Police Department	3,200	-
La Paz County Attorney	900	-
Maricopa County Attorney	2,700	-
Maricopa County Sheriff	1,400	-
Peoria Police Department	1,000	-
Pima County Attorney	2,800	-
Pima County Sheriff	2,400	-
Pinal County Attorney	300	-
Prescott Police Department	900	-
Prescott Valley Police Department	1,100	-
Tempe Police Department	1,000	-
Yuma Police Department	1,200	-
Subtotal^{2/}	\$ 22,800	\$ 9,500^{1/}
Public Awareness Grants		
Arizona Department of Public Safety	\$ 7,600	\$ 0
Prescott Valley Police Department	1,400	0
Subtotal	\$ 9,000	\$ 0
Discretionary Grants	\$ 0	\$ 12,900
TOTAL^{2/}	\$4,579,800	\$4,607,700

^{1/} Represents total allocations approved by the Automobile Theft Authority Board. Specific awards are yet to be determined.
^{2/} Numbers do not sum due to rounding.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimate
Automobile Theft Authority Fund (ATA2060/A.R.S. § 41-3451)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: A semi-annual fee of \$0.50 per vehicle insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy for vehicles with a gross weight under 26,000 pounds.		
Purpose of Fund: To allocate monies to public agencies for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and supporting programs that are designed to prevent motor vehicle theft, and to cover the costs of administration not to exceed 10% of the fund.		
Funds Expended	5,066,000	5,297,500
Year-End Fund Balance	2,645,000	3,096,800
Settlement Fund (ATA1991/A.R.S. § 41-3451)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Revenues from settlements issued by the courts.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide grants to law enforcement agencies for metal management training.		
Funds Expended	0	66,500
Year-End Fund Balance	125,000	66,500